Closure of NTC units

*200. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study team constituted by the Ministry has recommended for the closure of certain N.T.C. units in the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of such units;

(c) if no such recommendations were made by the study team, what were the other recommendations made; and

(d) what action Government propose to take on the report of the study team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The Study Team constituted by the Ministry in January, 1984 to undertake an indepth study of the working of the following eight mills, had recommended that the most desirable option would be to close down these mills:—

1. Indore Malwa United Mills, Indore (Madhya Pradesh)

2. Kalyanmal Mills, Indore (Madhya Pradesh)

3. Swadeshi Cotton & Flour Mills, Indore (Madhya Pradesh)

4. Hira Mills, Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh),

5. Mysore Spinning & Weaving Mills. Bangalore (Karnataka)

6. Central Cotton Mills, Belur (West Bengal),

7. Lord Krishna Mills, Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh).

8. Azam Jahi Mills, Warangal (Andhra Pradesh).

(d) The recommendations of the Study Team as well as those of the Committee set up by the NTC (Holding Company) to examine the future viability of these mills were considered by the Government in the context of subsequent developments. However, no final decision has been taken to close down any NTC mills.

Marine Products Export

1513. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortfall in the quantity of marine product exports this year, as compared to the corresponding period of the last year;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to contrive and properly utilised this source of foreign exchange earnings;

(c) what was the target for marine product exports this year especially the target for shrimp export; and

(d) whether the targets will be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir. As per the available data, export of marine products during April—December of the current year is 62,745 tonnes, valued at Rs. 339.89 crores as against 57,113 tonnes valued at Rs. 275.18 crores during the corresponding period last year.

SOURCE : (MPEDA, Cochin)

(b) The level of optimum utilisation of marine resources is yet to be reached.

(c) The target of marine product exports for 1986-87 was Rs. 428 crores, out of which target for shrimp exports was Rs. 325 crores.

(d) In all likelihood. Yes, Sir.